

# Walking Bus



## Parent / Carer Information Introduction

Your school is investigating a Walking Bus to increase the number of children walking to school and reducing vehicles from around the school area.

### What is the Walking Bus?

A Walking Bus is a fun, safe and active way to travel to and from school. Trained and checked adults, either parent/carers volunteers or school staff, lead the group of children from a meeting point to school. Staffordshire County Council Active School Travel Team will be supporting your school with training, guidance and route planning throughout the setting up process.

### Why do we need a Walking Bus?

It is a great way to bring many benefits to the school and you as a parent/carers and to the children walking with the walking bus. There are many benefits, here are just a few.

***Helps the  
environment***

***Healthier and more  
alert to start the  
school day***

***Road Safety & local  
area awareness***

***Social for leaders and  
the children***

***Fun & Friendly***

***Free & saves time***

### What's involved in becoming a volunteer?

Not all Walking Buses use parent/carers volunteers, however if your school is looking for support to lead it, the benefits of helping are below.

Please speak to your school to find out more.

- Volunteers walk on a rota basis that suits the individual
- Helping once a week can make a huge difference
- Buses do not need to run daily, they can be set up to suit the needs of volunteers
- DBS checks are free and completed by the school staff
- All training and equipment is provided

Start to make the journey to your school an active and healthier journey that is fun for everyone!

Get active, get moving, get involved.

## Next steps



## For more information, please contact your school office.

To find out more from Staffordshire County Council Active School Travel Walking Bus scheme [www.staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel](http://www.staffordshire.gov.uk/activeschooltravel) or email [walking.bus@staffordshire.gov.uk](mailto:walking.bus@staffordshire.gov.uk)